APPENDIX VIII.

[Vide answer toStarred question No. 2342, asked by Sri M. Kalyana sundaram at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 14th December 1961, page 750 supra.]

Representation of the Tamil Nad Taxi and Auto-rickshaw Drivers' Union.	*Remarks.*
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1. That in the event of a complaint against the drivers by passengers, the Regional Transport Authority may be instructed to hold a personal enquiry and give the drivers an opportunity to produce their own witnesses and cross-examine the complainant. If the Regional Transport Authority is precluded by Law from doing so, the enquiry should be conducted by a Magistrate.	The Regional Transport Authority may for reasons to be recorded in writing and subject to any prescribed conditions, declare any person disqualified, for a specified period, for holding or obtaining a licence to drive a transport vehicle. A fair opportunity is given to the driver of a motor vehicle to put forth his explanation. Orders are passed after giving due consideration to the points raised in the written explanation. The existing procedure fulfils legal requirements.
2. The drivers should be given specified time for their tiffin and meals.	The request is beyond the purview of the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act.
3. If any defects are found in the taxis or in the records concerning them, the drivers should not be charged. The taxi owners who are expected to keep the taxis in workable condition and maintain the relevant records and documents according to permit conditions should be charg d in such cases.	One of the conditions of the permit is that the vehicle should conform to the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and Rules thereunder. Sufficient time is given for production of records and action is taken mainly against the owners for offences. The driver has also an obligation to produce the records on demand by the authorities.
4. The charges framed by the Police against the drivers should be supported by independent witnesses.	It is for the courts to decide whether or not the Police should procure independent witnesses.
5. As the passengers are in a haste to travel and as one passenger gets in when another gets out, the drivers are not able to write the trip sheets as and when each trip is completed. It is, therefore, requested to change the trip sheets to log sheets.	Madras Motor Vehicles Rules require the drivers of all public service vehicles to maintain Trip Sheets in the prescribed form.
6. The police notice should be written in Tamil.	There are a number of drivers who speak languages other than Tamil. It is, therefore, not possible at present to send out notices in Tamil language alone.
7. The practice of seizing the driver's licence and badge at the time of instituting a case should be stopped.	As far as possible, the licences are not seized now. Instructions have been issued to all concerned in this regard.
8. The glare of the motor light prevents the drivers from seeing properly on the left side. Hence it is prayed that orders may be issued to burn the meter lights as and when required.	The glare can be prevented by any simple device, if the driver so desires.